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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Marietta Cross, RN, President

Marian Wright Edelman, President of the Children's Defense Fund, has stated: "Willingness to protect children is the moral litmus test of any decent and compassionate society." It is also a common sense test of any nation that is seeking to preserve itself in the future. In a recent report: *Children in Need-Investment Strategies for the Economically Disadvantaged*, the Committee for Economic Development stated: "This nation cannot continue to compete and prosper in the global arena when more than one-fifth of our children live in poverty and a third grow up in ignorance. And if a nation cannot compete, it cannot lead. If we continue to squander the talents of millions of children, America will become a nation of limited potential. It would be tragic if we let this happen. America must become the land of opportunity for every child..."

The high school graduating class of the 21st century entered first grade in September, 1988. These are the future leaders, workers, parents, college students, taxpayers, soldiers, and the American hope for the 21st century. Many of them are off to a healthy start. But millions are not.

Today:

- one in four is poor
- one in five is at risk for becoming a teenage parent

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Happy Holidays from Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies!
Pictured from left to right are Suzanne Wilcox, Express Services temporary assistant; Judy Garrity, Community Educator; Elsie Armstrong, Administrative Assistant; and D. Elizabeth (Bozdog) Roeth, Executive Director.

Focus On Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Staff

Welcome to Judy Garrity, recently hired Community Educator for Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies. Judy comes to HMHB from the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services where she served in the Economic Assistance Division. In that assignment, Judy was responsible for editing all assistance program manual materials, developing and facilitating personal growth workshops for Eligibility Technicians, and was Chairperson of the Prenatal Care Committee which conducted an in-depth study of high-cost Medicaid infants born in 1986. She has worked as a Family Planning counselor and currently does private counseling and workshop facilitation.

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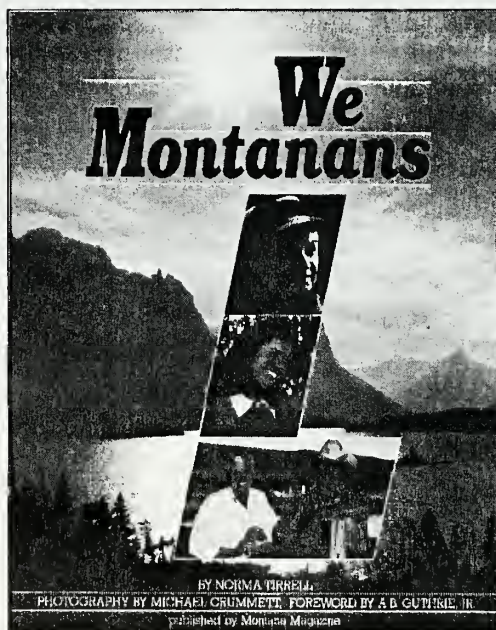
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